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SENATOR MARVEL: No, I view it this way. I'm neither close to the Attorney General's office or the Supreme Court so I can't anticipate what they might say. We've already said, in rejecting previous amendments this morning, that they're going to handle their own operations. They're going to do this. The only thing the previous amendment did was to indicate that to try to tie down the growing problem in the area of capital construction. The only overall body, at the moment, that had a handle on this or even came close to having a handle, was the Legislature. So I don't really see that we have moved away from the concept of 344, which is that we have a state system.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Lewis please. As reluctant as I am to ask Senator Lewis elaborate, I would like him to elaborate a little bit on the comment he made about over-reporting. Is there in fact . . . have there been a problem over reporting? Would you explain that.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd respond this way, in trying to figure what the state will pay on an FET basis all of us are familiar with those kind of hassles. There's at least 6 plans that I have seen. The University has probably got the corner on the market for figuring FET's because they have so many senior level dentistry, law, graduate, etc. They figure them differently. That's where the problem has been. Part of it is determining what it is because they simply don't take a student count. Now we have defined in the bill, Senator Dickinson, in the definition of terms, on page 2, number 5 and 6 deal with what a full-time equivalent student is. Then we have added chapter . . . section 17 which deals with how they shall be reported. If they have estimates they must be certified estimates presented and certified to the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Department of Administrative Service and the commission. It's actual full-time students for July 1975 to April 1976.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Lewis, redirect to the question. Has there been a problem of some kind? I'll ask Senator Marvel when I'm through if I'm not satisfied with your answer. Has there been a problem of over-reporting on the parts of tech colleges that would affect their state funding?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let me answer it this way if I might.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Don't elaborate too much Senator, please.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I think this will be very clear and definite. There has been over-reporting on many occasions, by educational institutions including the University, about how many students they anticipate.